



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

IDLEWILD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 8, 2024 | 8:30 & 11:00 A.M.

**Bold text is read
by the congregation.**

***Asterisk indicates when to
rise in body or in spirit.**

**Please sign the friendship
pad so we may take note of
your presence and you may
greet your neighbors by
name.**



Hymn No 12: The opening line of this hymn was inspired by the three divine attributes listed in 1 Timothy 1:17 (King James Version), and it continues by considering how God's life exceeds our own finite existence. The text is well set to a Welsh melody shaped by many three-note units.

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

TRUMPET TUNE IN D

DAVID N. JOHNSON

LANDRY DUVAL, ORGAN

*CALL TO WORSHIP

THE REVEREND MARY NEWBERG GALE

We belong to the body of Christ.

We belong to something greater,

where everyone is included,
where small tasks to help are significant.
where everyone is needed.

We belong to something greater,

where each of us has our own gifts with which to serve.

We belong to something greater
greater than you, or I, or us together.

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*HYMN OF CELEBRATION NO. 12

IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE, GOD ONLY WISE

ST. DENIO

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise 12

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small.
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light.

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might:
 In all life thou liv - est, the true life of all.
 Thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight.

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice, like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove;
 We blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,
 All praise we would ren - der; O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.
 thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 then with - er and per - ish; but naught chang - eth thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

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***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

THE REVEREND COURTNAVY VEAZEY

God, you call us not only to believe with our minds,
 but to love with all our being.
 We confess that we do not serve you fully.
 We go our own way, serving our desires before heeding your voice.
 We look away from your people in need,
 and we create requirements for our help and our love.
 Forgive our hardened hearts and closed minds.
 Forgive us when we trap you in our intellect,
 forgetting to live as your people of good news outside the church building.
 Guide us to be doers of your word, not only hearers.

(Silent Confession)

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NO. 435**

IN BABILONE



There's a wide-ness in God's mer - cy, like the wide - ness
 of the sea. There's a kind - ness in God's jus - tice,
 which is more than lib - er - ty. There is no place where earth's
 sor - rows are more felt than up in heaven. There is no place
 where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment given.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE (8:30)**

REV. VEAZEY

(11:00)

ROSE DOHERTY

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

Passing of the Peace is one of the most ancient responses in worship. We invite you to share a sign of peace with your neighbor.



As children come forward during the gathering hymn, you are invited to pass your quarters to the center aisle for the children to collect for their offering. Quarters are sent to the Dougbe Presbyterian River School in Liberia.

HYMN OF GATHERING NO. 515 (11:00)

DOVE OF PEACE

I COME WITH JOY



1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and
 2 I come with Chris-tians far and near to find, as all are
 3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion
 4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er
 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has



free, the life of Je - sus to re - call, in
 fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in
 ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and
 near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -
 done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
 Christ's com-mu - nion bread, in Christ's com-mu - nion bread.
 strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.
 live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.
 love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.



Before we can know God, God knows us. Baptism is one of the two sacraments of the Presbyterian Church (USA) in response to the grace of God, who calls us to be the people of God. We welcome children and adults into the fellowship of faith. The congregation promises to guide, nurture, and love the baptized person.

TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH (11:00)

JEANENE MUTCHLER

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (11:00)

THE REVEREND DAVID J. POWERS

BETSY COORS WILLIAMSON

Daughter of Amelia & Christopher Williamson

Sister of Jane Williamson

BAPTISMAL HYMN

Child of blessing, child of promise, Child of God, your loving Parent,
 Baptized with the Spirit's sign, Learn to listen for God's call.
 With this water God has sealed you Grow to laugh and sing and worship,
 Unto love and grace divine. Trust and love God more than all.

At this time, three-year-olds to kindergarteners are welcome to proceed to the hallway with an adult and sign into Worship and Wonder.

SHARING THE LIFE AND MINISTRIES OF THE CHURCH

REV. GALE

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD



The sermon is a reflection on the day's scriptures, suggesting implications for our faith and life.



Today's Affirmation of Faith comes from A Brief Statement of Faith.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

REV. GALE

SCRIPTURE LESSON JAMES 2:1-10; 14-17

SERMON FAITH THAT WORKS

MUSICAL REFLECTION WHEN WE ARE LIVING
(8:30) AMY PHILLIPS
(11:00) CHANCEL CHOIR

SOMOS DEL SENOR

When we are living, it is in Christ Jesus,
and when we're dying, it is in the Lord.

Both in our living and in our dying,
we belong to God; we belong to God.

Across this wide world, we shall always find
those who are crying with no peace of mind,
but when we help them, or when we feed them,
we belong to God; we belong to God.

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (8:30)
(11:00)

REV. VEAZEY
REV. POWERS

In a broken and fearful world
the Spirit gives us courage
to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.
In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

MOMENT FOR MINISTRY (11:00)

JEANNE MARIE CUMMINGS

NACOME ALL-CHURCH RETREAT

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

REV. VEAZEY



During this time, we invite you to continue your support of the church and her mission. Online giving is available through Realm or through the mail. Those in the sanctuary may place their offering in the plate as it is passed.



Hymn No. 722: Two great truths inform this text: first, that the testimony of experience is powerful and persuasive; and second, that no one should venture to minister on one's own strength rather than God's. The tune reflects a 19th-century practice of adapting piano pieces as hymn tunes.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS & TITHES (8:30)
(11:00)

REV. VEAZEY
REV. POWERS

OFFERTORY (8:30)

O JESUS I HAVE PROMISED
LANDRY DUVALL, ORGAN

TRADITIONAL

(11:00) *THE BEAUTY OF THIS SACRED PLACE*
CHANCEL CHOIR

ARR. JAMES BIERY

The beauty of this sacred place inspires our hearts and minds to grow.
We sing with love bestowed by grace, from God all richest blessings flow.
The meal, the Word, the art, the song are but a glimmer of the whole.
With joyful hearts sing all day long, God's blessings satisfy the soul.

We look into each person's eyes and see such longing hunger there.
Respond with love to others' cries, our neighbors' burdens gladly bear.
So many struggle and despair. We hear their silent voices plead.
Our actions show how much we care, extending help to those in need.

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***RESPONSE**

PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW

OLD HUNDRETH

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise Christ, all crea-tures
here be - low; praise Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more;
praise Tri - une God, whom we a - dore. A - men.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION** (8:30)
(11:00)

REV. VEAZEY
REV. POWERS

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION (8:30)

REV. GALE AND REV. VEAZEY

SEND IN GOD'S SPIRIT

***HYMN OF SENDING NO. 722**

CANONBURY

LORD, SPEAK TO ME, THAT I MAY SPEAK

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

REV. GALE

POSTLUDE

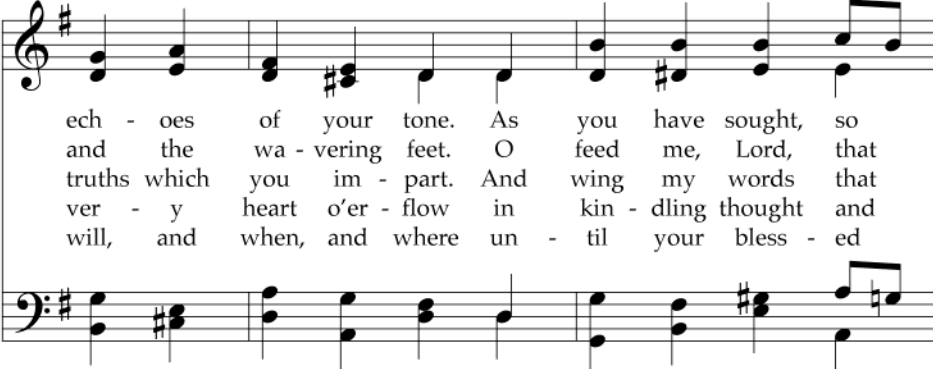
POSTLUDE ON ST. DENIO
LANDRY DUVALL, ORGAN

ARR. JASON PAYNE

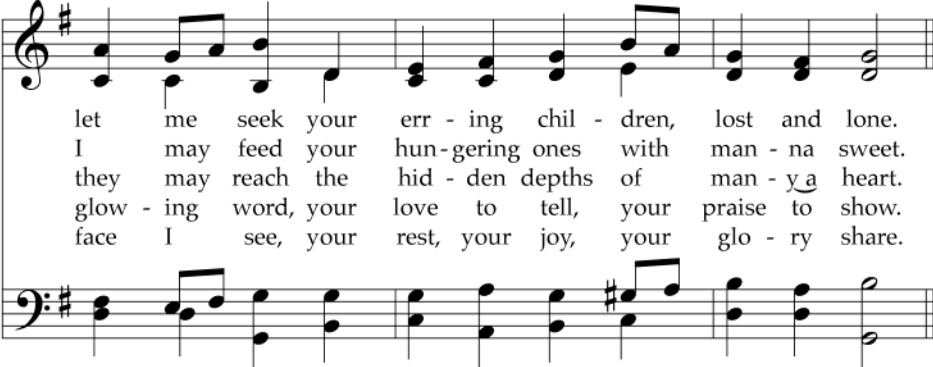
722 Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak



1 Lord, speak to me that I may speak in liv - ing
 2 O lead me, Lord, that I may lead the wan - dering
 3 O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the pre - cious
 4 O fill me with your full - ness, Lord, un - til my
 5 O use me, Lord, use e - ven me, just as you



ech - oes of your tone. As you have sought, so
 and the wa - vering feet. O feed me, Lord, that
 truths which you im - part. And wing my words that
 ver - y heart o'er - flow in kin - dling thought and
 will, and when, and where un - til your bless - ed



let me seek your err - ing chil - dren, lost and lone.
 I may feed your hun - gering ones with man - na sweet.
 they may reach the hid - den depths of man - ya heart.
 glow - ing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.
 face I see, your rest, your joy, your glo - ry share.

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◆ *this week in print* ◆

Church-Wide

Safety Lunch and Learns (Montgomery Hall): Lunch following 11 am worship. Trainings start at 1 pm.

Stop the Bleed (Today): The final installment of training from security professionals Incyte.

Stuart Frisch will lead us in the curriculum directly from the American College of Surgeons.

CPR/AED and Medical Assistance Training (September 15): Learn CPR, where to find and how to use our defibrillators, and how to respond to a medical emergency.

Blessing of the Animals (September 29, 5 pm): Bring your loved pets to Idlewild's Sanctuary for a special worship service and blessing.

Outreach Ministry

MICAH (the Memphis Interfaith Coalition for Action and Hope) is conducting a "listening campaign." This process is an opportunity for people to voice their thoughts on the most pressing issues in our city. If you are willing to chat with an Idlewild MICAH Core Team Member, please email MICAH@idlewildchurch.org and let us know the best way to contact you for a one-on-one conversation. We look forward to hearing from you!

Idlewild is hosting **Room in the Inn** on Thursday, 9/12. There are several opportunities to volunteer!

Sign up at the link below.

Fellowship and Recreation

All Church Retreat (October 11-13): Enjoy retreat and Sabbath at our annual all-church camp at NaCoMe – a refuge and home away from home in Pleasantville, TN. Come for rest, relaxation, and rejuvenation while spending time with the body of Christ that we call Idlewild. Registration is open through September 29 (linked below).

Children's Ministry

Nursery Volunteers: Parents' Prayer Breakfast begins again in September! We are looking for some loving hands to serve in the nursery on Friday mornings (8:15am-9:45am) to support this ministry. If you would like to help and spend some sweet time with the babies, toddlers, and preschoolers of the church please email christine@idlewildchurch.org.

Music Ministry

Festival of Choirs Concert (September 14, 2 pm): This Concert will be the culmination of a two day choral festival led in partnership with the Presbyterian Association of Musicians and the Idlewild Music Ministry. The Festival chorus will present stirring anthems of the faith. Make plans to join us!

Adult Ministry

Woven Wednesdays: September 11- October 23 | 5:30 - 7:00 pm

This Fall on Wednesday nights Pastor Mary will guide us in discussion on hope, resilience, and how to live in anxious Times. We'll have table discussion and reflection, as well as large group conversation. We'd love to see you there! Our children will eat dinner with us before breaking into groups for children's choir and musical prep.

Presbyterian Women: Join us September 10 in Montgomery Hall as we start a new year with our PW Fall Gathering from 11am - 1pm. Please join us whether you are new to PW or returning for another year of fellowship and learning. Lunch is \$15. RSVP in Realm (linked below) or to Nancy Ruch.

Young Adult Dinner (September 12, 7 pm, Taco Nganas on Central Ave): Join us for some laid-back fellowship!

Are you the primary caregiver for a loved one? If so, please join us on September 10 at 5 pm for a

Caregivers Support Group. We'll gather in the parlor to support one another, share resources, and be present along the journey. If you're interested, please contact jennynevels@comcast.net or mary@idlewildchurch.org.



Registration links and volunteer sign-ups:
www.idlewildchurch.org/calendar.

WELCOME NOTICES

Welcome to Idlewild! We are glad to have you join us for worship. If you are new to Idlewild, it is our prayer that you will experience the presence of God while you are here. At Idlewild, it is our hope that all who enter find a home.

Children are always welcome in worship. In addition, childcare for children newborns—3 years is available in the Jones Building in Room 153. Children of all ages are invited to pick up a worship packet in the main hallway that can be utilized to enhance their worship experience. During the 11:00 service there is a special Time with the Younger Church.



After, children ages 3 years— kindergarten may go to Worship and Wonder on the third floor of the Jones building. **If you would like your child to attend Worship and Wonder, registration is required** once each semester by scanning the QR code. Parents pick-up children from Worship and Wonder following the conclusion of worship.

New members are received by the Session. If you are seeking a church home, we invite you to join the Idlewild family. Connect with a Pastor after worship or email Mary Margaret King at mking@idlewildchurch.org. We will receive new members during the Sanctuary service on Sunday, September 29.

Prayer requests are prayed daily by the Community Prayer Ministry Team and the Confidential Prayer Partners. If your prayers are confidential, you may call (901-487-6062) or submit them by email to confidentialprayers@idlewildchurch.org. Otherwise, you can fill out a Community Prayer Request card in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate or fill out the Community Prayer Request form on the church website.

If you have a personal emergency, hospitalization, or pastoral care need, please call or text (901) 654-6872. The Pastor on Call will respond as soon as possible. You can also email pastor@idlewildchurch.org. The Pastor on Call for the week of September 8 is Courtney Veazey.

WORSHIP NOTICES

The sanctuary flowers are given to the glory to God, and as we celebrate the baptism of Betsy Coors Williamson, we lovingly remember her great-grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. Brown, Dr. and Mrs. George A. Coors, J. Lester Crain, and Mr. and Mrs. Lewis C. Williamson.

Sanctuary flowers are given in honor, celebration, or in appreciation of those we love. We appreciate your generosity in providing flowers to adorn our sanctuary for Sunday services. If you are interested in donating, find the registration page at idlewildchurch.org/flower-dedication.

The 11:00 service is live at youtube.com/@idlewild.church/streams. As always, worship is available by way of the radio on AM560, 96.1FM, or 98.5FM. **Music is printed** under Onelicense.net **A-702280**.

A Vision of Idlewild

Idlewild Presbyterian Church is a community in which ...

Jesus Christ is the center;
the mighty voice of God inspires us to love;
the Spirit joyfully sustains and nurtures seekers of every age,
stage, and circumstance.

Worship forms the core of community life;
prayer binds our brokenness and connects us in Christ's love
to God and to one another;
music, poetry, and art flourish in gratitude to our Creator;
the beauty of creation is treasured and preserved;
all the members of the church are ministers.

The focus is scripture and its meaning for today;
faith is formed and spirits nourished through reflection,
practice and shared learning;
the wisdom of other faith traditions is respected;
and a diverse membership enriches and unites us.

Justice speaks loudly and peace is our aspiration;
all voices are heard;
recreation and play are a wellspring for fellowship,
celebration, and growth;
the love of God guides our minds and spirits,
leading us to right action in our hearts, our homes,
our community, our nation, and our world,

And all who enter find a home.



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